Supply of potable water during seventh five Year Plan

2554. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 6th January, 1988 under the caption 'Millions drinking polluted water;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to advise the States to take advantage of the Technology Mission on Drinking Water and related water management; and

(c) the measures Government propose to take to see that the State take advantage of the incentives as well as assistance provided by the Centre through its various programmes so that the targets in respect of drinking wate rfor the Seventh Five Year Plan are achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Programme of supplying safe drinking water to rural areas continues to receive the highest priority at Central Government and State Governments level. Under the Programme of National Technology Mission on Drinking Water Nation wide Sub-Missions have been established for solving specific problems encountered in rural drinking water supply. The Sub-Missions are for (1) Scientific source finding water quality and quantity monitoring, conservation of water and recharge of acquires (2) Eradication of quineaworm (3) Control of fluorosis (4) Desalination of Water and (5) Removal of excess iron. 2824 water quality testing kits developed by Defence Laboratory Jodhpur have been sanctioned to all States|UTs.

Under the Sub-Mission of Scientific Source finding etc., use of Satelite imageries and remote sensing techniques have been adopted for identification of most dependable sources. With the help of these landset imageries and aerial photos, delineation of potential zones and lineaments are being prepared. The States have been advised to conduct geophysical and geohydrological surveys before drilling borewells to reduce their failure rate.

Statewise detailed action plan for coverage of all the residual problem villages in 1988-89 and 1989-90 in a systematic manner has been finalised in consultation with the States|UTs to enable strong monitoring and optimum use of available resources according to a strict time schedule. The States|UTs have started sending schemes for technical clearance.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programmes, Central Government have allowed the State Governments to use 60 per cent of the funds released for operation and maintenance of assets created quality improvement and purification of drinking water. This is an addition to 10 per cent of State sector MNP funds which can be used for O&M of water supply schemes. The Central Government is considering introduction of a scheme of positive incentives and disincentives for maintenance of water supply schemes.

Scheme for district centre on Ring Road

2555. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4185 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th August, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the scheme for District Centre on the Ring Road, opposite DTC Depot, Wazirpur, has since been resubmitted by the D.D.A. to the Delhi Urban Arts Commission for their approval;

(b) if so, when; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for delay in this regard and by when it is likely to be resubmitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c). Detailed designing of all the infra-structure facilities are to be carried out first. While the proposals for water, supply, sewerage and storm water drainage had been approved by the local authority, detailed drawings and working out of site development plans are being finalised. After all the necessary formalities are completed, the scheme will be submitted by the DDA to the DUAC for their final approval.

Committee for second cadre review of CPWD Junior Engineers and Sectional Officers

2556. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had agreed, in November, 1987 to appoint a committee of officers to conduct second cadre review of Junior Engineers and Sectional Officers, Horticulture in CPWD;

(b) whether it is a fact that as per the guidelines issued by the Department of Personnel and Training, Joint Secretary in the Ministry, Chief Engineers|DG(W), CPWD Financial Advisor, Director (Administration) and representatives of the Association are to be included in the Committee;

(c) whether it is also a fact that instead of constituting the committee, only a working group of subordinate officers of CPWD has been appointed for this purpose;

(d) what are the terms and conditions of cadre review and the time stipulated therefor; and

(e) by when the actual committee would be constituted and the report submitted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) In the agreement signed between the Government of India and the representatives of the CPWD JE's Association, on 20-8-87, it had been agreed that the cadre review of JE's and Sectional Officers (Hort.) would be initiated by appointing a committee of Officers in the month of November, 1987.

(b) In the guidelines issued by the Department of Personnel & Training for the cadre review of Group B, C and D cadres, the suggested composition of the Cadre Review Committee for the JE's in CPWD is as under:—

(1) Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Urban Development.

(2) Chief Engineer, CPWD.

(3) F.A.

(4) Director (Admn.) CPWD.

(c) The Working Group, which is a Committee of officers, has been constituted by the DG(W), CPWD, as per the agreement referred to in reply to part (a) above, to initiate the cadre review proposals.

(d) The working group has been asked to finalise the preliminary proposals| suggestions based on the agreement with the JE's Association dated 20-8-1987. It was required to submit its report by 22-2-1988, which has since been extended upto 22nd April, 1988.

(e) The Cadre Review Committee will be constituted as soon as the preliminary proposals are finalised and submitted to Government by the Working Group.

Change in recruitment rules for Assistant Engineers in CPWD

2557. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since 1977-78, Government had introduced Limited Departmental Competitive Examination for Promotion of Assistant Engineer from Junior Engineer in CPWD as per the recommendations of 3rd Pay Commission and the report of the Administrative Reforms Commission;